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REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING LETTER TO US SPECIALISTS
MUELLER AND BOURQUIN IN CARE OF BUTORIN WITH COPY TO
KAZAKOV:

JULY 11, 1978 02.02-13

DRS. L. MUELLER AND A. BOURQUIN
C/O DR. N. V. BUTORIN
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DEAR AL AND LEN:

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I HAVE RECENTLY LEARNED OF YOUR REQUEST TO THE US EMBASSY TO TERMINATE THE PROJECT ON OR ABOUT JULY 20, RATHER THAN CONTINUING LATER INTO AUGUST AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED. WE WERE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED AT THE EARLY DEPARTURE DATE, BUT THE CABLE INDICATED THAT YOUR WORK WAS ESSENTIALLY FINISHED. I SUSPECT YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE REMINDED, BUT IF YOU INTEND TO RETURN WITH SAMPLES TO PROCESS HERE IN THE US, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR DR. BUTORIN TO SECURE THE NECESSARY CLEARANCES AND APPROVALS TO TRANSPORT SAMPLES FROM THE USSR.

DR. KAZAKOV OF THE SOVIET EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT HAS REQUESTED THAT, AS A RESULT OF YOUR EARLIER DEPARTURE, J. PETTY AND F. MAYER PLAN TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THEIR ARRIVAL TO OVERLAP YOUR VISIT. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COMPLY WITH THIS REQUEST, ALTHOUGH A PROBLEM OR TWO HAS DEVELOPED. A DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR LAB MEETING IN COLUMBIA DURING THE WEEK OF PROPOSED DEPARTURE POSES SOME DIFFICULTIES, BUT DOES NOT SEEM TO BE ENTIRELY INSUPERABLE. THE MAJOR DIFFICULTY IS THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO SHIP SOLVENTS AND REAGENTS IN TIME TO MATCH THEIR ARRIVAL. DR. PETTY HAS ASKED ME TO INQUIRE OF YOU THE FOLLOWING:

1. ASSUMING THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO SHIP SOLVENTS IN TIME, DO YOU HAVE AVAILABLE A SUFFICIENT QUANTITY OF PESTICIDE GRADE REAGENTS FOR FISH ANALYSIS?

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2. DO YOU HAVE A GLASS STILL WITH YOU OR SHOULD DR. PETTY PLAN TO BRING ONE?
3. ARE ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL PARTS FOR THE CHROMATOGRAPH REQUIRED?
4. ARE SUFFICIENT VOLTAGE CONVERTERS AVAILABLE FOR ALL YOUR EQUIPMENT?

AS PRESENTLY PLANNED, DRS. PETTY AND MAYER WILL BE LEAVING THE US ON JULY 14, WITH PLANNED ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW ON SUNDAY, JULY 16. THIS WOULD MEAN THAT ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER THAT ADDITIONS TO THE EQUIPMENT LIST COULD BE MADE. IF THE PLANNED DEPARTURE WORKS, THEIR ARRIVAL SHOULD OVERLAP YOUR STAY BY SEVERAL DAYS. I WILL CABLE DR. BUTORIN WHEN THE DEPARTURE DATE IS FINALIZED. LET ME KNOW IF I CAN HELP IN ANY WAY.

WAYLAND R. SWAIN CHRISTOPHER

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